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## \*Press Release\*

## DOC Probation Officers Flood Wilmington Streets Efforts to Ensure Offender Compliance with Supervision

WILMINGTON - Last night, March 23, 2005, the Delaware Department of Correction's Wilmington Probation & Parole District Office took "Operation Nightcap", an enhanced offender supervision project, to the streets of Wilmington.

More than 50 DOC Probation Officers flooded the city's streets. The mission of "Operation Nightcap" was to make community contacts with offenders on probation or parole and to ensure their compliance with the conditions of supervision imposed by sentencing courts.

Probation Officers made more than 280 contacts between 7 p.m. and midnight. They stopped dozens of offenders for curfew violations that will result in future sanctions and at least four individuals face new criminal charges. Probation Officers seized one handgun. In addition, Officers seized more than 95 grams of crack cocaine, 165 grams of marijuana and 2 bundles of heroin.

Wilmington P.D. and Delaware State Police, through Operation Safe Streets and the Governor's Task Force, assisted the DOC with "Operation Nightcap".